

CANNED AND CURED FISH

Pilchard

PILCHARD PACK: Pilchard (California sardine) landings totaled 8,847 tons during January 1947, according to reports of the California Sardine Products Institute and the California Division of Fish and Game. This contributed to a canned pack of 120,616 actual cases from January 3-30, 1947. The canned production for the 1946-47 season to January 30 fell 1,052,903 cases below the 1945-46 pack to February 2. The canned production from December 31, 1945, to January 26, 1946, was 402,373 cases.

California Sardine Landings, Canned Pack and Byproducts

Item	Unit	M O N T H		S E A S O N	
		1 9 4 7	1 9 4 6	1946-47	1945-46
		January	January	Aug.-Jan.	Aug.-Dec.
Landings	Tons	8,847	34,588	215,536	386,510
		Jan. 3-30	Dec. 31, 1945-Jan. 26, 1946	Aug. 1-Jan. 30	Aug. 1-Feb. 2
Canned	1 lb. ovals-48 per case	29,526	106,846	586,550	1,128,076
	1 lb. talls-48 per case	85,397	291,979	1,906,394	2,379,679
	$\frac{1}{3}$ lb. fillets-48 per case	232	-	8,724	-
	$\frac{1}{3}$ lb. round-96 per case	-	2,043	34,253	47,256
	Unclassified	5,461	1,505	52,674	93,487
	TOTAL, Actual Cases	120,616	402,373	2,595,595	3,648,498
Meal	Tons	January	January	Aug.-Jan.	Aug.-Jan.
		1,313	4,593	29,347	55,391
Oil	Gallons	91,466	367,091	4,097,416	11,172,411



Shrimp

SHRIMP PACK: During January 1947, 2,126 standard cases of shrimp were packed, according to reports received from canning plants operating under the Seafood Inspection Service of the Food and Drug Administration. From July 1, 1946 to February 1, 1947, 235,542 standard cases of shrimp were packed, this was 113,415 standard cases more than were produced during the corresponding season, to February 2, in 1946.

Wet and Dry Pack Shrimp in all Sizes in Tin and Glass--Standard Cases*

M O N T H		S E A S O N		
1 9 4 6	1 9 4 5	1946-47	1945-46	3-yr. average
Dec. 29-Feb. 1	Dec. 23-Feb. 2	July 1-Feb. 1	July 1-Feb. 2	July 1-Feb. 2
2,126	6,020	235,542	122,127	908,223

*All figures on basis of new standard case--48 No. 1 cans with 7 oz. per can in the wet pack and $6\frac{1}{2}$ oz. per can in the dry pack



Tuna and Mackerel

TUNA AND MACKEREL PACK: The production of canned tuna by California packers during January totaled 139,090 standard cases, according to the California Division of Fish and Game. This was 68 percent less than the pack for December and 18 percent under that for January 1946. The greatest decline in any one item occurred in bluefin tuna. None was canned in January 1947, while 8,929 cases were packed in the corresponding month last year. Yellowfin tuna, as usual, made up the bulk of the pack, accounting for 72 percent of the January production.

The pack of mackerel during January was 77,626 standard cases, a decrease of 73 percent under December 1946, but an increase of 121 percent over January 1946.

California Pack of Tuna and Mackerel--Standard Cases*

Item	January	December	January	Twelve months ending
	1947	1946	1946	with December 1946
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Tuna:				
Albacore	2	20	-	385,682
Bonito	6,197	17,544	1,325	110,862
Bluefin	-	-	8,929	313,547
Striped	11,532	35,487	8,880	630,882
Yellowfin	100,504	303,558	129,750	2,183,323
Yellowtail	1,848	1,680	514	44,734
Flakes	19,007	78,502	20,759	899,952
Tonno style	-	-	-	-
Total	139,090	436,791	170,157	4,568,982
Mackerel	77,626	286,525	35,049	710,228

*Standard cases of tuna represent cases of 48 7-ounce cans, while those of mackerel represent cases of 48 1-pound cans.



FROZEN MEAT

The future of the frozen meat industry will depend, largely, on the reaction of consumers to buying frozen meat as compared with fresh. Relative costs per pound of frozen packaged meat compared with fresh meat, as well as consumer preferences, will play important parts here.

Fishery products are more readily adapted to this type of distribution than meats, so they are more widely found in these channels. However, further extension of this trade in 1947 will depend, to some extent, on the spread of facilities for handling frozen foods at retail.

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